

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Guthrie, Senators Winder, Harris, Lee, Heider, Stennett, and Burgoyne

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Anthon

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CONVENED **Chairwoman Lodge** called the meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:04 a.m.

SJR 101 CONTINUED: **Stating Findings of the Legislature to present to the electorate regarding psychoactive drugs.**

Chairwoman Lodge noted that only Committee discussion and closing comments will be heard. There will be no further testimony.

Senator Grow requested that **SJR 101** be held until Friday, January 29,2021.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Senator Winder** asked for unanimous consent to hold **SJR 101** in Committee. There being no objections, **SJR 101** will be taken up at Friday's meeting.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairwoman Lodge passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Guthrie.

DOCKET NO. 32-0101-2000F **Omnibus Pending Fee Rules IDAPA 32 for Rules of the Endowment Fund Governing the Credit Enhancement Program for School Districts.**

Chris Anton, Manager of Investments, Endowment Fund Investment Board (Board), stated that **32-0101-2000F** reauthorizes an existing rule the Legislature previously approved and no changes have been made since that time. He noted that the Board's approach was in line with the Governor's Red Tape Reduction Act and that the Board reviewed the rule for simplification or elimination. No changes occurred because the rule was considered to be beneficial to the citizens of Idaho and the fees reflected in the rule to be reasonable.

Mr. Anton also explained how the credit enhancement program for school district funds operates, what types of funds the Board administers, and the use of those funds. He outlined what the costs to the school districts are when they participate in the credit enhancement program.

MOTION: **Senator Heider** moved to approve **Docket No. 32-0101-2000F**. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. **Senator Winder** noted for transparency purposes he is a member of the Board. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 11-0400-2000F **Omnibus Pending Fee Rules IDAPA 11** for Rules of the Idaho State Police/Idaho State Racing Commission.

Charlie Spencer, Police Services Major, Idaho State Police introduced Ardie Noyes, Business Operations Manager for the Idaho State Racing Commission. **Mr. Spencer** stated he was speaking on behalf of the Racing Commission on **Docket**

No. 11-0400-2000F which is part of the omnibus rule making process. Good progress has been made in reducing the number of rules over the last two rule cycles. The docket remains unchanged from last year in terms of fees or content.

MOTION: **Senator Lee** moved to approve **Docket 11-0400-2000F**. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 38-0000-2000F **Omnibus Pending Fee Rules IDAPA 38 for the Department of Administration governing the Capitol Mall parking.**

Steve Bailey, Deputy Director and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Administration, explained that **Docket No. 38-0000-2000F** is the rule that covers 1,825 parking locations in the Capitol Mall. It identifies the types of parking available, parking spaces, location, permit management, how to manage parking violations, and parking fees charged for both general and reserve parking. **Mr. Bailey** stated there are no changes to this rule since it was originally proposed and submitted to the Legislature. He asked for the Committee's support.

MOTION: **Senator Burgoyne** moved to approve **Docket No. 38-0000-200F**. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 24-0201-2000F **Omnibus Pending Fee Rules IDAPA 24 for rules of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses governing rules of the State Athletic Commission (Commission).**

Dawn Hall, Section Chief for the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, introduced Athletic Commissioner Kyle Wills and Lizzie Kukla, board specialist. **Ms. Hall** explained rewriting this rule was in line with the Governor's Red Tape Reduction Act. During the summer of 2020, the rules were reviewed to identify and eliminate those rules that were obsolete. The rules were reordered to address licensing matters; ringside physicians' qualifications and roles; prohibited substances; contractual and business matters; and facility and equipment matters. Rules were also reviewed for weigh-in and event preparation and processes for the mixed martial arts rules and regulations; the boxing rules and regulations; and the wrestling rules and regulations. The Commission also reviewed outdated, prohibitive, and costly requirements.

Ms. Hall explained the Commission incorporated three documents by reference into the administrative rules. She described each of those documents:

- 1) The 218 Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts from the Association of Boxing Commission and Comparative Sports which incorporates the rules for mixed martial arts in Idaho up to current industry standard.
- 2) Unified Rules of Boxing from the Association of Boxing Commission and Competitive Sports as amended August 3, 2016. This updates the rules and regulations for boxing contests and will bring Idaho up to industry standards.
- 3) The Athlete Guide to the 2020 Prohibited List (List) published by the United States Anti-Doping Agency. The List enacts a universal standard of prohibited substances for combatants in Idaho. By using these references, it reduces the material added to the text of the rules.

Ms. Hall added that the maximum fee for an amateur combatant's license was reduced from \$150 to \$100. It is anticipated that this will create a greater demand for the license.

MOTION: **Senator Stennett** moved to accept **Docket No. 24-0201-2000F**. **Chairwoman Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Chairwoman Lodge asked Ms. Hall about the current financial standing of the Athletic Commission. **Ms. Hall** responded that there is a positive balance of \$50,506.40.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Guthrie passed the gavel to Chairwoman Lodge.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairwoman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Senator Lodge, Chair

Twyla Melton, Secretary